

all our rights. He would not be satisfied with the Cincinnati platform—it has two faces; he wanted a platform granting Congressional protection to Slavery in the Territories—he would be satisfied with nothing less. And if it was refused, break up the Charleston Convention and the National Democratic party of the land!

SOUTHERN PROTEST AGAINST VIRGINIA'S VIEW OF HARPER'S FERRY.

From the *Nobis Register*.

We republish elsewhere a remarkable article from the *Richmond Enquirer*. We do so in order to place upon record our unqualified, entire and unanimous protest against the conclusions of the writer, but agree with the tone and spirit of the article. We are unwilling that such a *creaky outcry* shall go before the Northern public without at least one voice of dissent from the South. It was disgraceful enough that the inroad of twenty-two wretched border marauders should cow a town of a couple of thousand inhabitants. We are unwilling the language, but could find extenuating circumstances in the paralyzing effects of panic originating in surprise and utter ignorance of the extent of the danger. Then it was a bitter pill to swallow, that Gov. Wise should praise (if, indeed, we may trust the report of his own organ) his citizen soldiers for not having shown the white feather while on their way to take a stand for their country. We are unwilling the hope and sympathy of the Union and the public peace lies in the dissolution and disbandment of the Republican party. It is a threatening and insulating sectional organization, based upon the single idea of opposition to Slavery and the South, and no Southern man can support its candidates or co-operate with it in any manner or to any extent whatever.

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The burden of the *Enquirer's* warnings is, that the institution of Slavery requires the assistance of General Government, and that to secure its safety and security we must needs trust to the stalwart arms of our beloved brethren, the factory hands and mechanics of the North. "Protection" (meaning Federal protection) of Slavery is demanded by the blood of slaughtered citizens; and the traitorous Southerners that dare deny the right, is even more criminal than the inroads of the rebels in July. We are willing to love the South with an ardent heart's devotion, and we feel in this moment that we love it as the *Enquirer* is incapable of loving it; yet we spurn the above sentiment, unworthy of Virginia, revere Southern dignity, and in-sulting to Southern honor. We, in Alabama, and the other Southern States, have more slaves than ever they had in the days of the bordering States; and not only are we fully competent to take care of them and keep them in subjection, but to furnish Virginia with slaves to help her in the work of the Union. And yet, as the *Enquirer's* claimers will be likely to get from the Federal Government and the State of Virginia, we are willing to need such aid, and would soon seek for it.

Could the worst enemies of the South—could the most frantic of freedom-shriekers at the North—have invented a calumny more injurious to us than this novel plan of Gov. Wise's organ, of the insecurity of Slavery for want of Federal protection? The *Enquirer* goes on to say, how the slaves changed since, or how the *Enquirer* also forgotten the more recent occurrence, which is so frequently its text, and where not a solitary slave joined the invaders, and the first victim was a negro faithful to his trust? We are heartily sick of this *unmanly whining*, this *crying like a spanked baby over imaginary grievances*, this *hypocritical, laudable, and unfeeling* protectionism, as well as of the most heartless devotion to the Republican cause. As an opponent of every scheme or contrivance for enriching individuals at the expense of the Federal Treasury, we deem him return to the Senate of paramount national interest. For the sake of tact, sagacity, and acuteness, whereby he has managed to outwit the *Enquirer*, the hypocrisy and fatuity of the pretense that "Popular Sovereignty" was embodied in or affirmed by Mr. Douglas's Kansas-Nebraska bill, thousands hold him in grateful remembrance. If we knew anybody else who could do more good in the Senate than Mr. Chase, we should desire the election of that other; but we will use it as a pretext for a Mexican war.

"A Republican" quotes the *Tribune* as assailing the nomination of moderate, inoffensive persons, as Republican candidates. Certainly we do, wherever a *Republican triumph* is to be *wanted* by the aid of men who are not *Black Republicans*. For instance, in Oregon, or New Jersey, for instance, we would advise the nomination of some one standing on the platform of Corwin, or Joy Morris. The education of Ohio, we trust, has passed the stage wherein this is necessary. And, as to her Senatorship, the Legislature that is to elect her, we believe, will think there should be no hesitancy in choosing a full-blooded and warm-blooded Republican.

Finally, we dissent altogether from the suggestion of policy of postponement or delay. The people of Ohio have chosen a Legislature. One of the duties of that Legislature is to elect a U. S. Senator. As this will doubtless stand in the way of other legislation, it will still have to be done, of course. If Gov. Chase is not the man, say who is, and elect him. To hold the question over is to sow distraction and jealousy where harmony and energy are eminently needed.

From the *Richmond Whig*.

VIEW OF A CONSERVATIVE SOUTH-ERN OPPOSITION ORGAN.

THE RECENT NORTHERN ELECTIONS.

The recent elections at the North, except in the State of New Jersey, have resulted in the triumph of the Free Soil party. In New York, and Massachusetts, however, the vote was a light one. In the city of New York, where there were one hundred and four thousand registered voters, there were polled on Tuesday only a little over fifty-six thousand votes, or about one-half of the whole vote of the city. Why there were so few voters, under circumstances, we are considered compelled to draw out an unusually large one, is left entirely to conjecture. As for ourselves, we are disposed to deduce from the fact a conclusion favorable to the harmony and perpetuity of the Union, and, consequently, to the rights and interests of the South.

In view of Harper's Ferry, and the inevitable tendency of abolition doctrines, we think a large portion of the voters of the North have been brought at last to a pause and to reflection. For it will be seen that there is a large falling off in the Republican vote, notwithstanding the most earnest and persistent efforts, on the part of the leaders, to impress the Republicans to take their followers to the polls. And this we are inclined to regard as an encouraging indication that the eyes of the Northern people are beginning to be opened to the follies and dangers of the Black Republican organization, and the odious principles and doctrines inculcated by Seward and his school.

But still the triumph of the Seward party, in the great State of New York affords occasion for alarm and apprehension to every lover of the Union, North and South, East and West. We make threats, and we indicate no line of policy to the South, but it is proper to inform the reader that the election of Mr. Seward, that the election of William H. Seward to the Presidency would be followed, according to our judgment and belief, by an almost instant secession of the Southern States from the Union. We entirely pass over the question at present, whether it would be a wise wisdom and policy of the Republicans to take their followers to the polls. And this we are inclined to regard as an encouraging indication that the eyes of the Northern people are beginning to be opened to the follies and dangers of the Black Republican organization, and the odious principles and doctrines inculcated by Seward and his school.

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Mr. BATES'S POSITION.—St. Louis, November 19.—The Democrat states emphatically and by authority, that Mr. Bates does endorse every word of the publication of his views in a recent number of the *Evening News*, the subject of

We confess that, until recently, we have never so believed, or thought, or dreamed; but there is now no mistaking the temper and purpose of the Southern people, and the ominous signs of the times.

The politicians and editors of the Republican party are laboring under a terrible delusion, which we wish we could remove from their minds. They appear to be of the opinion that the Southern States have no idea of seceding from the Union, no matter what may happen. Least of all do they suppose that they entertain any purpose of going out of the Union in the event of the election of a Black Republican President, or a man who is a dead foe of the Constitution. They consider all the talk about secession and disunion at the South as nothing but bluster and humbug, and we readily acknowledge that the boasting resolves and ridiculous threats of Southern extremists in times past would justify such a conclusion. But times and circumstances have changed, and nearly all men at the South have changed with them.

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will; and I doubt whether any citizen whose lot has been cast in the South should interfere in any way with them in making up their decision."

The Secretary of War, Mr. Floyd, is curt, but courteous, in the head of the army should be As the Administration has not yet decided upon the sale of the military reservation at Harper's Ferry, he seems to take but little interest in that place. We give him entire letter:

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 1859.
GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 28th ultimo, inviting me to attend and address a mass meeting of the Democracy of New York at Tammany Hall this evening, is received. I am sorry to say our cause is not yet decided upon, and I do not know when it will be. The other ought not to be performed. I do not see how we can lay it down as a plain proposition, saying the people of the free States generally believe it. This belief of the great body of our people is the predicate from which I draw deductions.

"I certainly hazard nothing in saying that the people of the free States desire to do that which would each other, and are willing that each state shall have all its constitutional privileges; and that patriotism demands that they shall maintain their own rights and the rights of their State."

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

An examination of Dr. Boyd, charged with stealing and abducting slaves, took place Saturday afternoon before Captain Goddard, chief of police. The witnesses present were officer William Delphay, Messrs. Edward A. Atlee, and Joseph B. Greenwood, of New Windsor. Md. After a careful hearing of the case, Boyd, counsel, Mr. Carrington, considered the amount so high, when he was reminded that it is precisely the sum fixed by Hon. Judge Cranch, some years ago, when a party on a similar charge was brought out under a writ of habeas corpus. The bail is not set as the value of the property stolen, but in consideration of the value of the alleged crime, and it will be recominated that, on the occasion referred to, even six thousand dollars failed to bring the accused to trial.

The new city passenger railway company had another meeting on Friday evening, and appointed officers, a committee to represent their interests before Congress, &c.

It is evident that these letters were concocted in Cabinet council. They all bear the same date.

MR. GIDDINGS'S CONVERSATION WITH JOHN BROWN.

In his lecture at Philadelphia, Mr. Giddings gives the following account of his acquaintance with John Brown. It will be seen that he had not the faintest idea that Brown meditated an attack on Harper's Ferry, or any scheme of warfare against the South:

"My friends have requested me to state my own knowledge of Brown and his designs. And for this episode in my lecture they must be held responsible. I do not think 'the inquisitive gentleman' from my State has been very faithful. He ought to have found a letter of mine, addressed to Brown, at least, in which we had both seen to meet at Harper's Ferry, and he had been at Cleveland, and had lectured there. Our people had felt a great desire to see him, and hence it is, that Washington, though overwhelmingly Protestant, had a Catholic Board of Aldermen. The bitter feeling manifested in the Board against the Thanksgiving was evidently placed on the ground that it was New England origin—in other words, Protestant. One overzealous Catholic member, who is intensely Pro-Slavery, thought it dangerous to set apart such a day, lest it should be employed in concocting incendiary schemes. The usual resolution was rejected, but the Mayor, though himself a Catholic, had had to yield to the demands of the lecture.

"The lecture was given at the time he was in our place, but he undoubtedly Brown was correct in his statement. When I came to this city, I would have said I never saw Brown but once. Upon reflection, however, I am of opinion that he came to Jefferson on Saturday afternoon—that, so far as I was informed, his object was to make arrangements for the lecture.

"On Saturday the 20th he registered, spoke in our church. The members of that church and of other churches, I think, attended the lecture. Ladies and gentlemen were present. Republicans and Democrats all listened with attention. It is impossible for me at this time to give an abstract of this lecture. If I could, it would be to say that he had a full audience.

"The excitement at CHARLES-TOWN.

Harper's Ferry, Nov. 18.—The messenger sent last night from this place to Charlestown, to ascertain the truth or falsity of the exciting rumors that have been circulating through this region, touching incendiary attempts to destroy the property of citizens of Jefferson County, and of a number of negroes to assist slaves to escape from their masters.

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"After he closed, I addressed a few words to the audience in favor of contribution; referring to his condition, the death of his son, and his poverty. He did not say that he had no business which he could show to his supporters; he however nearly every Democrat as well as Republican present gave something.

"After the close of the meeting, I cordially invited him to take tea at my house. While there, at the fireside, I inquired as to the particularities of his Missouri expedition. Mrs. Goddard also addressed a few words to him, and he responded that he had no more to say than what he had said, so it must stand present.

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